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SUBJECT: JNPC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS REVISION OF NARCOTICS LAW

1. VERNACULAR DAILY XAT LAO REPORTED ON MAY 27 THAT JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL AFFAIRS MET MAY 22 AND DECIDED TO RECOMMEND: A) REVISION OF 1971 LAW PROHIBITING POPPY CULTIVATION; B) FREEING OF ALL PRISONERS IN JAIL FOR NARCOTICS-TRAFFICKING; AND C) CREATION OF ORGANIZATIONS TO OVERSEE CULTIVATION AND SALE OF POPPY. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL PRESUMABLY BE PRESENTED TO LAO CABINET FOR APPROVAL AND SUBSEQUENT IMPLEMENTATION.

2. WHILE US MISSION STRONGLY DISCOURAGES TRAVEL TO LAOS AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF TURBULENT POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION, WE BELIEVE DECISION ON ADVISABILITY OF VISIT TO
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LAOS BY DITTERT AND REUTER SHOULD BE LEFT TO INTERNATIONAL

NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD. UNFDAC REPRESENTATIVE TO LAOS
ALEXANDRE ARNAUD TOLD EMBOFF MAY 28 THAT HE NOW RECOM-
MENDS THAT DITTERT AND REUTER COME TO LAOS AHEAD OF
LEGAL EXPERT NOLL, ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT LAO GOVERNMENT
CONCURS IN VISIT.
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